

## **DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

Minutes of the Council Workshop for the District of North Vancouver held at 5:05 p.m. on Monday, November 23, 2020. The meeting was held virtually with participants appearing via video conference.

**Present:** Mayor M. Little  
Councillor J. Back  
Councillor M. Bond  
Councillor M. Curren  
Councillor B. Forbes  
Councillor J. Hanson  
Councillor L. Muri

**Staff:** Mr. D. Stuart, Chief Administrative Officer  
Ms. C. Grant, General Manager – Corporate Services  
Mr. G. Joyce, General Manager – Engineering, Parks & Facilities  
Mr. D. Milburn, General Manager – Planning, Properties & Permits  
Mr. A. Wardell, General Manager – Finance & CFO  
Ms. T. Atva, Manager – Community Planning  
Mr. R. Danyluk, Manager – Manager – Business Planning and Decision Support  
Mr. J. Gordon, Manager – Administrative Services  
Mr. S. Ono, Manager – Engineering Services  
Ms. G. Lanz, Deputy Municipal Clerk  
Mr. S. Carney, Section Manager – Transportation  
Ms. A. Reiher, Council Liaison/Support Officer  
Ms. S. Dale, Confidential Council Clerk  
Ms. E. Brandson, Planner  
Ms. N. Foth, Planner  
Ms. B. Rahmani, Project Engineer  
Ms. C. Archer, Clerk Typist 3

### **Also in**

**Attendance:** Ms. Sandra Menzer, Project Manager and Lead Consultant, Social Planning and Research Council of BC (SPARC)

## **RESOLUTION TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING WITHOUT THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

**MOVED by Councillor MURI**

**SECONDED by Councillor BACK**

**WHEREAS:**

- the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General has issued Order M192; and,
- Order M192 requires British Columbia municipalities to use best efforts to allow members of the public to attend open meetings of council in a manner that is consistent with the applicable requirements or recommendations of the *Public Health Act*; and,

- the District has assessed its ability to allow members of the public to attend open meetings of council in a manner that is consistent with the applicable requirements or recommendations of the *Public Health Act*; and,
- the District has taken into consideration its Covid-19 Safety Plan as required by Worksafe BC; and,
- the District has determined that, at this time, it cannot safely allow members of the public to attend open meetings of council in a manner that is consistent with the applicable requirements or recommendations of the *Public Health Act* or its Covid-19 Safety Plan;

THEREFORE, this meeting of the Council for the District of North Vancouver is to be held without members of the public being physically present;

AND THAT the principles of openness, transparency, accessibility and accountability are being ensured through:

- Providing an online subscription service for residents to sign up and be apprised of upcoming meetings and the post-meeting availability of meeting minutes and meeting videos;
- Providing advance notice of this meeting in accordance with the *Community Charter* and advising the public on how they may participate in the meeting by providing public input;
- Providing the availability of the agenda for this meeting on the District's webpage six days in advance of the meeting;
- The live streaming of this meeting via a link readily available on the District's webpage;
- Maintaining the thirty minute public input opportunity at each regular meeting and the discretionary public input opportunity at each workshop;
- The ability of the public to provide input on agenda items by full two-way audio and video means;
- Adhering the rules of procedural fairness and acting with respect and courtesy at all times when hearing the public;
- Conducting meetings in a manner that resembles in-person meeting as much as possible;
- And reminding the public that they may contact Mayor and Council at any time on any topic via its [council@dnv.org](mailto:council@dnv.org) email address.

**CARRIED**

**1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**1.1. November 23, 2020 Council Workshop Agenda**

**MOVED by Councillor MURI**

**SECONDED by Councillor BACK**

THAT the agenda for the November 23, 2020 Council Workshop is adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**2.1. October 26, 2020 Council Workshop Minutes**

**MOVED by Councillor MURI**

**SECONDED by Councillor HANSON**

THAT the minutes of the October 26, 2020 Council Workshop meeting are adopted.

**CARRIED**

**3. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF**

**3.1. District of North Vancouver Draft Child Care Action Plan**

File No. 10.4750.00/000.000

Ms. Tina Atva, Manager – Community Planning, presented the District of North Vancouver Draft Child Care Action Plan. Ms. Atva advised that the Plan focuses on four strategic goals as follows:

- Increasing access to child care;
- Improving affordability;
- Focusing on aspects of service quality such as staff training and design; and,
- Strengthening partnerships.

Council discussion ensued and the following comments and concerns were noted:

- Questioned the percentage of for-profit and non-for-profit childcare spaces;
- Suggested that recreation centres accommodate childcare services for the community;
- Suggested utilizing classrooms and looking at opportunities for shared spaces in the School District;
- Suggested focusing on the quality and not on the quantity of childcare space;
- Commented on limited Provincial funding;
- Expressed concerns related to childcare affordability;
- Stated that childcare needs to be affordable for everyone;
- Spoke to the importance of providing access to good outdoor space;
- Questioned how COVID-19 has impacted this industry and noted that parents working from home will still require childcare;
- Commented about the difficulty of maintaining staffing levels for before and after school daycare services;

- Questioned what other municipalities are doing and their long-term solutions;
- Commented that as childcare becomes more affordable the demand will become greater and will need to be monitored going forward;
- Questioned the hourly wage of a childcare provider; and,
- Questioned why there is a shortage of early childcare educators.

Staff advised that the District will be meeting with the North Vancouver School District 44 Board of Education in early December.

Public Input:

Mr. Peter Teevan:

- Commented that before and after school care is at capacity; and,
- Suggested that public funds such as Community Amenity Contributions be used for shared playgrounds near daycares.

### **3.2. Long-Term Financial Plan Update**

File No. Financial Plan Process/2021

Mr. Rick Danyluk, Manager – Business Planning and Decision Support, provided an update on the long-term Financial Plan. He advised that the Corporate Plan guides work within Council's four-year term and the organizations ten-year strategic planning framework. The strategic planning framework reflects the directions, service levels and desired trends included in the District's approved plans and strategies and summarizes them under the organizations five long-term-goal. The 2021-2030 Financial Plan describes how those directions are funded and identifies funding gaps over the ten-year period. Applying a financial lens through the 2021-2030 Financial Plan and prioritizing investments in services will provide the necessary tools to make the plans more affordable.

Next Steps include:

- Update plan for Council directions received this fall;
- Complete funding gap analysis; and,
- Present to Council in January.

Council discussion ensued and the following comments and concerns were noted:

- Commented on the carbon budget;
- Commented on the significant investments required for adaptation in regards to the climate emergency;
- Spoke to the District's natural assets and questioned their values; and,
- Acknowledged the impact of COVID-19 and the need to look forward to maintain resiliency.

### **3.3. 2021 Budget Update**

File No. Financial Plan Process/2021

Mr. Rick Danyluk, Manager – Business Planning and Decision Support, provided an update on the 2021 budget update noting the following:

- Metro Vancouver charges have been updated and are reflected in the utility rate reports;

- Collective agreement increases are confirmed at 2%;
- The Province has confirmed a COVID-19 Safe Restart Fund for Local Governments and staff will be reviewing eligible costs incurred in 2020 and anticipated costs in 2021 to support investments in safety, changes in demand and potential revenue losses; and,
- Recommend staying with the slow and steady approach for 2021 and a property tax rate increase at inflation plus 1%.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that the plans to resume recreation and culture services have been gradual and cautious and that staff are paying close attention to demand, financial impact and community service in the restart planning.

Council commented on local small businesses and expressed concern that they are struggling as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### 4. ADJOURNMENT

**MOVED by Councillor BACK**

**SECONDED by Councillor CURREN**

THAT the November 23, 2020 Council Workshop is adjourned.

**CARRIED**  
(6:43 p.m.)

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Mayor

  
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Municipal Clerk